

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Instructional Manual is to provide uniform policy and procedures to Department personnel in the issuance of transportation permits for the movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads over California state highways. For movement over city streets or county roads, permits must be obtained from those jurisdictions.

This Manual is consistent with the goals of protecting the public's investment in the transportation infrastructure and ensuring the safety of the traveling public. In order to provide a uniform statewide program, it is essential that all Districts comply fully with the guidelines in this Manual.

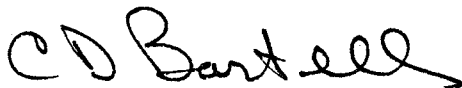
The weight limitations and other restrictions are intended to protect the public's interests. However, an analysis of a specific vehicle or load may indicate that it is in the public's interest to deviate from or exceed those guidelines. Therefore, a procedure for appeals and variances is available.

Certain dimensions have been established which allow you to issue a permit without first obtaining approval from Headquarters: a maximum width of 14'0", (dozer blades, draft arms of scrapers and tracks on crawler type equipment may be written to a width of 14'6") a maximum overall length of 135'0", a maximum rear overhang of 35'0", a maximum front overhang of 30'0", a maximum height to be not less than 3" below the lowest structure on the permitted route, and a maximum of Purple Weight.

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You may direct any questions and suggestions concerning this Manual and the information it contains to Headquarters Permit Office in Sacramento (916) 445-3303, (ATSS 485-3303); (916) 324-7230, (ATSS 454-7320); or (916) 327-2002 (ATSS 467-2002).



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